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UNOFFICIAL ISRAELI AMBASSADOR URI LUBRANI TOLD ME OCTOBER 13 DURING A GENERAL CONVERSATION ON IRANIAN-ISRAELI RELATIONS THAT ISRAEL WOULD PURCHASE 5 MILLION TONS (C. 36 MILLION BARRELS) OF OIL FROM IRAN DURING THIS CALENDAR YEAR. HE NOTED THAT ISRAEL WOULD GET THE BALANCE OF ITS REQUIREMENTS FROM VENEZUELA, ECUADOR, AND MEXICO. HE STATED THAT HE WAS URGING HIS GOVERNMENT TO INCREASE EVEN FURTHER PURCHASES FROM IRAN SINCE IT WAS CHEAPER TO DO IT THIS WAY AND RELATIONS WITH THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT ARE ON AN EVEN KEEL THESE DAYS. LUBRANI ALSO SAID CONFIDENTIALLY THAT THE IRANIAN-ISRAELI COMBINE WHICH RUNS THE PIPELINE AND THE TANKER FLEET HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN HELPING THE IRANIANS SELL 80 MILLION TONS (C. 57 MILLION BARRELS) OF OIL DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1976 TO VARIOUS INDEPENDENTS AND OTHER NON-CONSORTIUM PURCHASERS. THIS EFFORT BEGAN WHEN OIL LIFTINGS FROM IRAN FELL OFF PARTICULARLY IN THE HEAVY CRUDE AREA EARLIER THIS YEAR.

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